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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REPRESENTING FILE SYSTEM  
METADATA WITHIN A DATABASE FOR  
EFFICIENT QUERIES

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Examiner: M. Le

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated September 24, 2008, please consider the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the following comments:

**Listing of Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.